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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDIP, DA, GL, EEC

SUBJECT: GREENLAND AND THE EC

REFS: (A) STATE 288287; (B) COPENHAGEN 7205

1. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S COMMENT ON PARA 2 REFTEL A, PARTICULARLY ERSBOLL'S STATEMENT THAT FOLLOWING HOME RULE, SHOULD GREENLAND TAKE "MAJOR STEP" OF LEAVING EC, IT "MIGHT TAKE OTHERS THAT COULD REMOVE IT FROM THE WESTERN ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ORBIT."

2. STATEMENT APPEARS TO SUGGEST THAT GREENLANDERS, AFTER VOTING IN MAY 1979 FOR HOME RULE AND (ANTICIPATED) CONTINUED DANISH RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MIGHT PROCEED IF THEY OPT OUT OF THE EC TO PRESS FOR COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE.

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3. ERSBOLL ASKED THAT THE US, SHOULD OPPORTUNITY ARISE, INDICATE ITS CONCERN (PRESUMABLY TO OTHER EC COUNTRIES) THAT GREENLAND MIGHT LEAVE THE EC. HAVE DANISH OFFICIALS BROACHED THIS SUBJECT WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS? IF SO, HAVE THEY SPECIFIED WHAT EC COUNTRIES THEY THINK WE SHOULD APPROACH? HAVE THEY SUGGESTED WE SHOULD EXPRESS HOPE THAT GREENLAND BE GIVEN SPECIAL STATUS WITHIN THE EC, AND/OR

PROPOSED THAT WE DO THIS AS BEING IN NATO'S BEST  
INTERESTS?

4. EMBASSY SHOULD NOT RPT NOT RAISE THIS MATTER WITH  
DANES AT PRESENT. CHRISTOPHER

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